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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING BENEFIT/PRIORITY CLAIM(S)**

In response to the Notice mailed on July 30, 2004, the priority for the current application is given below.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 10/332,894, filed on 14 January 2003.

U.S. Serial No. 10/332,894 is a national stage application of PCT/US02/33343, filed on 18 June 2002, and PCT/US01/44988, filed on 20 November 2001.

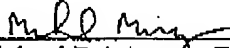
PCT/US02/33343 is a continuation-in-part of PCT/US01/44988.

PCT/US01/44988 claims priority to U.S. Serial No. 09/790,273, filed 21 February 2001, and to U.S. Serial No. 60/256,709, filed 18 December 2000.

Enclosed are copies of the first page of the PCT publications for PCT/US01/44988 and PCT/US02/33343 that show the above priority claims.

Should there be any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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at least one second compound in aqueous solution selected from the group consisting of Group IIA salts, Group IIIA salts, Group  
IIB salts, copper salts, zinc salts, cadmium salts, manganese salts, iron salts, cobalt salts, and nickel salts; and optionally aggregate.  
Also, a method of preparing an asphalt-based formulation using these components.